

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12 and 14, amend claims 1, 4, 6, 13 and 15 and add new claims 20-22 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A device for the supply of a gas to an area, comprising: a supply conduit, which is connectable to a gas source and which includes an outlet end, and a porous body, which is manufactured of a foam rubber-like material and is provided at said outlet end, wherein the device is arranged to permit said supply of gas through the porous body, the device includes an attachment member, which includes a surface and a channel extending through the surface, wherein the porous body is attached to said surface and wherein the outlet end is connected to the attachment member for permitting said supply via said channel.

2. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein said surface of the attachment member covers substantially the whole porous body seen in a first direction extending from the attachment member through the body.

3. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the attachment member includes a sleeve, which extends outwardly away from the porous body and which is connected to the outlet end, wherein the channel extends through the sleeve.

4. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein the sleeve extends in a direction forming an angle to the first direction {x}, wherein said angle is 0 to 90°.

5. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 3, wherein the supply conduit projects into the sleeve, or that the sleeve projects into the supply conduit.

6. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein the attachment member and the porous body are substantially circular seen in the first direction {x}.

7. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 6, wherein the porous body has a substantially semispherical surface which faces away from the attachment member.

8. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the supply conduit includes at least a first conduit portion with a casing of a material, which has a large flexibility, and with a means for stiffening, which extends along the casing and has a lower flexibility than the casing.

9. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 8, wherein the stiffening means is plastically deformable.

10. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 8, wherein the stiffening means includes a metal wire.

11. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 8, wherein the stiffening means extend substantially freely within the first conduit portion of the supply conduit.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 12, wherein the foam rubber-like material includes polyurethane foam with open cells.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 12, wherein the porous body includes a homogenous body.

16. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the device includes a filter, which is arranged on the supply conduit for filtering said gas flowing through the supply conduit.

17. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein said gas includes a main component which is carbon dioxide.

18. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the porous body is arranged to supply said gas in a control flow in order to enable deformation of a gas cushion, which is intended to substantially fill a volume at said area and thus prevents air from the surroundings to reach said area.

19. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein said area adjoins an inner portion of the body of a human being or an animal, which portion is open outwardly towards the surroundings, wherein the porous body is arranged to be located at said outwardly open inner portion.

20. (New) A device for the supply of a gas to an area, comprising:

a supply conduit connectable to a gas source, including an outlet end;

an attachment member including a first surface, a second surface located opposite said first surface, and a channel configured for receiving said supply conduit and extending through both said second and first surfaces, respectively; and

a porous body provided at said outlet end and having a proximal end attached to said first surface and a distal end free of attachment, the device being in communication with said supply conduit and arranged to permit the supply of gas through the porous body.

21. (New) A device according to claim 20, wherein said porous body is manufactured of a permeable material including at least one of paper, felt, sinter metal and filter material.

22. (New) A device for the supply of a gas to an area, comprising:

a supply conduit connectable to a gas source and including an outlet end;

an attachment member including a first surface, a second surface located opposite said first surface, a channel extending through both said second and first surfaces, respectively, and a sleeve surrounding said conduit and projecting from said second surface; and

a porous body projecting from said first surface in a direction opposite from said sleeve;

wherein said porous body is in communication with said outlet end to permit the supply of gas through said porous body.